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Healthy Boundaries for Clergy and Church Leaders

The Southeast Conference, in partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia, are pleased to offer two Healthy Boundaries training sessions for clergy and church leaders.

The purpose of these workshops is to equip ordained, commissioned, and licensed clergy, as well as other church leaders, to understand healthy boundaries that shape ministry relationships. Healthy and vital ministries rely on trust and mutual support to create spaces of welcome and safety for all. Leaders must understand the role of power, authority, and vulnerability, as well as the theology of boundaries, in order to build and maintain healthy boundaries and to choose healthy self-care strategies.

These workshops are a joint endeavor of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia and the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, although the content is designed for clergy or leaders of any denomination. These workshops fulfill the requirements of many denominations which require ordained, licensed, or commissioned clergy to complete healthy boundaries/clergy ethics training every three to five years.

These workshops use materials developed by FaithTrust Institute as part of its Healthy Boundaries/Clergy Ethics curriculum, which is in widespread use among faith communities across the U.S. FaithTrust Institute is a national, multi-faith, multicultural training and education organization, founded in 1977 by the Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune, with global reach working to end sexual and domestic violence.

- **Healthy Boundaries 101 — Fundamentals**
  An introduction to healthy boundaries for clergy and church leaders. Topics covered include power and vulnerability; dating, friendships, and dual relationships; transference, intimacy, hugging and touch, and self-care.
  - Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9 am—4 pm
  - Brookhaven Christian Church
    4500 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA
- **Healthy Boundaries 201 — Beyond Basics and Into Internet Technology**
  An advanced discussion of healthy boundaries for clergy and church leaders, designed for those who have completed Healthy Boundaries 101. Participants will review boundaries, power, vulnerability, and self-care; significant time will be devoted to internet technology and social media.
  - Saturday, August 20, 2016, 9 am—4 pm
  - Christian Church (DOC) in Georgia
    2370 Vineville Avenue, Macon, GA

The workshops are led by Rev. Erica Geralds-Washington, an ordained Disciples minister, counselor, and hospital chaplain with both a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care and Counseling and a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Mercer University. Her current positions include Licensed Associate Professional Counselor, Joshua Generation Care and Consultant Services, LLC; Hospice Chaplain, Affinis Hospice; and Associate Minister, Ray of Hope Christian Church.

To register for the training, visit the Disciples website: gadisciples.org/clergy/HealthyBoundariesWorkshop.asp

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